

67056-002  
P700600US-PCT/JG/SAC

#4/a

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Russell Vernon Hughes

Serial No.: Unknown

Filed: Herewith

Priority: PCT/GB00/02920 Filed: July 28, 2000  
GB 9918476.4 Filed: August 6, 1999  
GB 9924304.0 Filed: October 15, 1999

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Title: WELDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

Y. Gordon  
#4/Amended  
11/29/2002

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box PCT  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application in the following particulars prior to Examination.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 2, before the first paragraph, please insert the following section heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 29, before the fifth paragraph, please insert the following section heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**